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LETTER DATED 19 AUGUST 1993 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF IRAQ TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

On instructions from my Government, I have the honour to inform you that United States aircraft continued their violations of Iraqi national airspace for purposes of reconnaissance and provocation during the period 9 to 15 August 1993.

9 August 1993

(a) Northern region: 18 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 7,500 to 9,000 metres, centred over Mosul, Irbil, Zakho, Amadiyah, Ayn Zalah, Tall Afar and Aqrah.

(b) Southern region: 48 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 7,000 to 9,000 metres, centred over Basra, Qurnah, Artawi, Nasiriyah, Halibah, Samawah, Shatrah, Khidr and Qal'at Salih.

10 August 1993

(a) Northern region: 34 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 5,000 to 10,000 metres, centred over Mosul, Irbil, Dohuk, Tall Afar, Amadiyah and Zakho.

(b) Southern region: 51 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 7,000 to 9,000 metres, centred over Qurnah, Nasiriyah, Qal'at Salih, Shatrah, Samawah, Salman and Busayyah.

11 August 1993

(a) Northern region: 20 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 7,000 to 8,000 metres, centred over Mosul, Irbil, Dohuk, Tall Afar, Zakho and Amadiyah.

(b) Southern region: 56 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 7,000 to 9,000 metres, centred over Basra, Nasiriyah, Samawah, Artawi, Qal'at Salih, Amarah, Shatrah, Jalibah and Busayyah.

12 August 1993

(a) Northern region: 35 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 7,000 to 9,000 metres, centred over Mosul, Irbil, Dohuk, Tall Afar, Amadiyah, Zakho and Ayn Zalah.

(b) Southern region: 15 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 7,000 to 9,000 metres, centred over Busayyah, Artawi, Jalibah, Qal'at Sukkar, Nasiriyah, Samawah, Khidr, Ushbayjah and Shatrah.

13 August 1993

(a) Northern region: No hostile activity was reported in the northern region on 13 August 1993.

(b) Southern region: 46 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 7,000 to 9,000 metres, centred over Nasiriyah, Qurnah, Qal'at Salih, Qal'at Sukkar, Samawah, Salman and Lasaf.

14 August 1993

(a) Northern region: No hostile activity was reported in the northern region on 14 August 1993.

(b) Southern region: 48 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 7,000 to 9,000 metres, centred over Basra, Nasiriyah, Samawah, Qal'at Salih, Salman, Amarah, Artawi, Jalibah and Busayyah.

15 August 1993

(a) Northern region: 14 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 7,500 to 8,000 metres, centred over Mosul, Irbil, Dohuk, Zakho, Amadiyah, Tall Afar and Ayn Zalah.

(b) Southern region: No hostile activity was reported in the southern region on 15 August 1993.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Nizar HAMDOON
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